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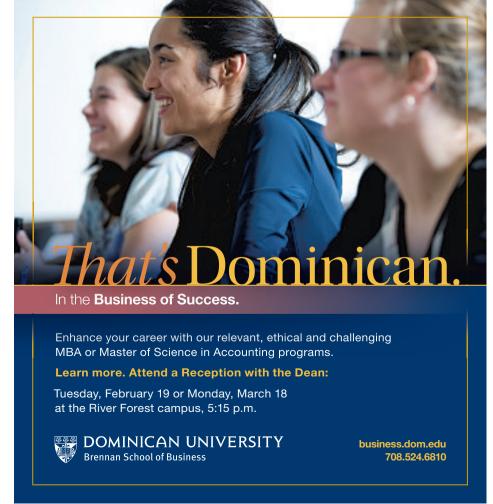
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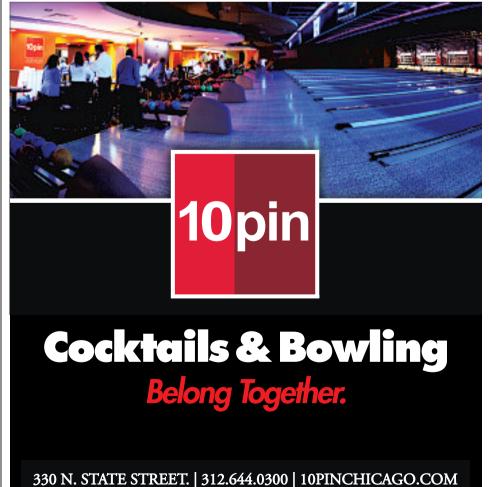
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REDEYE TIP OF THE DAY

For last-minute ideas, check our Valentine's Day dinner guide on chicago.metromix.com.







Authorities investigate a burned-out cabin near Angelus Oaks, Calif., on Wednesday where police on Tuesday engaged in a shootout with fugitive former L.A. police officer Christopher Dorner. REUTERS

DEADMAN

Authorities believe charred remains are fugitive Christopher Dorner's

Reuters

ANGELUS OAKS, Calif. A fugitive ex-cop accused of a grudge-fueled killing spree targeting police officers and their families is believed to have died in a mountain cabin that burned down in the climax to a massive weeklong manhunt across Southern California, authorities said Wednesday.

Police were awaiting forensic analysis to confirm that charred human remains found in the smoldering ruins of the cabin were those of the 33-year-old fugitive, Christopher Dorner.

Authorities including L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said the man, who had barricaded himself inside the cabin during a standoff with police on Tuesday in the snow-swept hills of the San Bernardino National Forest, almost certainly was Dorner.

We all are breathing a sigh of relief. We do believe it is the body of Christopher Dorner, but we don't know for certain," Villaraigosa told CNN, adding that a positive, conclusive identification could be days or weeks away.

Los Angeles Police Department spokesman Lt. Andy Neiman said the LAPD had returned to "a normal state of operations." But he said special security details assigned to about a dozen officers and their families threatened by Dorner would remain in place for the time being.

Dorner is suspected of killing four people in all, including a deputy sheriff who was

He had been on the run since Feb. 6, when he was named as the prime suspect in the

slaying of a couple in Irvine, south of Los Angeles.

The search intensified Feb. 7 after Dorner was accused of killing of a Riverside policeman, about 60 miles east of Los Angeles, in an ambush that left a second officer wound-

Law enforcement converged later that day in the San Bernardino Mountains after a pickup truck identified as Dorner's was found abandoned and burning in the snow near the ski resort community of Big Bear

The ensuing manhunt, stretching from the desert north of the mountains to the Mexican border, was described by L.A. Police Chief Charlie Beck as the region's most



Richard Heltebrake, who was carjacked by Christopher Dorner in Redlands, Calif.

Driver: Carjacking was surreal

Reuters

ANGELUS OAKS, Calif. Rick Heltebrake was driving his pickup truck through a remote campground in the mountains east of L.A. on Tuesday, with his dog at his side, when a man emerged from a roadside snowbank and aimed an assault-style rifle at him.

Heltebrake, 61, pulled over and immediately recognized the hulking, armed man as the fugitive ex-cop wanted in a killing spree, Christopher Dorner, whose face had been plastered on billboards, newspapers and televisions for nearly a week.

"I don't want to hurt you," Heltebrake recalled the man telling him in a calm, almost business-like manner. "Just get out, start walking, and take your dog."

Heltebrake, a caretaker for "I don't encounter took place, couldn't believe what was happening.

"It was surreal," he told reporters in an impromptu news conference. "It wasn't violent or anything. It was pretty calm."

Heltebrake got out and started walking down the road, just as he was ordered. The armed man climbed into his

camp where the encounter took Want to hurt you, just get out, start walking, and take your dog."

> -Richard Heltebrake, recalling his encounter with Dorner

silver 2008 Dodge Ram, immediately made a U-turn and sped down the road. Seconds later, he heard gunfire and hid behind a tree.

A violence-free Valentine's Day



supposed to be all Valentine's Day-K with streets chockfull of pink hearts and movie posters for that new Katherine Heigl movie, "The Big Wedding," but let's take a break from all that love and fun to talk about something super not fun but also super important: violence

against women.

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I know, I warned you it wasn't going to be

This week, the Senate passed a bill reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act, placing the focus square on the House. VAWA was enacted in 1994 to protect women, who are the primary victims of abuse, from all forms of violence. It provided funding for pretty basic things like counseling, emergency housing and prevention education. The act had been passed by bipartisan vote for almost two decades until 2011, when the GOP decided the act was too comprehensive.

Apparently some politicians believe only some women deserve a violence-free Valentine's Day. Among the shafted minorities are LGBT, undocumented and Native American women. But unlike other things from 1994 like the Spice Girls, WWJD bracelets and beepers, VAWA still is relevant.

Many of us think (or naively hope) we don't need an anti-violence act anymore. Many believe "feminism won" and women are equal. But every year 1,200 women are killed and 2 million injured by domestic violence. That makes it a very real problem today.

Plus, it is a young person's problem. Eighty percent of sexual assault survivors are under the age of 30, and women ages 20-24 are at the highest risk for domestic violence.

The good news is we're seeing some movement toward ending violence against women. College campuses are taking an active role in reducing the number of sexual assaults. For example, the University of Michigan recently rolled out a fantastic student-led "I Will" campaign that empowers men and women

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to talk about sexual assault and assert "I will

Globally, we also have seen a shift toward protecting women's safety-just look at the recent demonstrations in India after a deadly

To bring awareness to the survivors of violence globally, the organization One Billion Rising created a dance movement to demand an end to rape, sexual assault and domestic violence.

The group will dance in Daley Plaza at noon on Valentine's Day to say that in 2013, the world should refuse to accept violence against women. We want better.

And as Americans, we want better from our government. It is time for Congress to stop this partisan insanity and reauthorize an act that for the past 20 years has made the U.S. a better, safer and more just country. Of course a big part of the act is funding for organizations that are in desperate need of resources, such as Rape Victims Advocates and Between Friends, a domestic violence prevention nonprofit. Funding organizations like these has a direct positive effect on decreasing violence against women.

But beyond money, the act is about some basic respect. VAWA is the government saying it respects the personhood of the women of this country and vowing to do all it can to protect and help women from targeted violence; it is about saying as a society that we want progress.

This Valentine's Day, all Americans deserve the right to live without physical or mental abuse or assault, as well as to never endure another Katherine Heigl movie. If only Congress could include that amendment to VAWA, it would be a happy V-Day for all. REDEVE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR NIKLERITZ IS PR CHAIRWOMAN FOR THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN'S CHECAGO CHAPTER



UMBLR THURSDAY

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Hove the juxtaposition here of couples caught in a romantic embrace at Buckingham Fountain and then a photo of a couple swallowing each other's tongues at a frat boy bar. Happy Valentine's Day, you romantics.

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Heartwarming surprises. Botched proposals.

Chicago restaurant workers have a front-row seat to some of the most eye-popping Valentine's Day moments

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

So much for best-laid plans.

A few years ago, a man asked his girlfriend to take a tour of Sixteen restaurant as they dined there. She wouldn't budge.

Nervous, the man excused himself from the table. It was time for Plan B. He expressed concern to Keith Mallini, who was working at the Near North Side restaurant at the time. They regrouped, and the man returned to the table.

Soon, the woman left the table to go to the bathroom. When she returned, there was dessert, champagne and rose petals. The man proposed. The woman said yes. Then she apologized for not going along with the game.

"She was like, 'Oh I didn't know [about the proposal]," said Mallini, now general manager for Prasino in Wicker Park. The original plan was to take the woman on the tour and lead her to a special spot in the restaurant where the man was to propose.

For better or for worse, restaurant workers sometimes have a front-row seat to the ups and downs of a couple's relationship. This is never more the case than on Valentine's Day, servers said. About 75 percent of 923 respondents to an online survey said they plan to celebrate Valentine's Day at a restaurant this year, according to **restaurant.com**, a dining deals site based in Arlington Heights.

Sixty-four percent of survey respondents said they will spend more money on Valentine's Day than on an everyday restaurant meal. But money can't buy love. Or class.

Think of the expense that one man poured into his romantic celebration two years ago at MK, a Near North Side restaurant.

Kate Bush, 30, who works at MK, said she and the man spoke about his plans daily, and he had picked out champagne and special menus.

The big day arrived, along with a "ginormous expensive flower arrangement," Bush said. But the couple never showed. Bush said she called the man to ask what she should do with the flowers.

"He told us to throw them in the [bleeping] garbage," Bush said. "We kind of knew how that ended."

Sob stories are not uncommon at restaurants

Michael Peterson, 36, of Edgewater, said he has worked in the restaurant business for 16 years, including the past year at Carnivale in the Fulton River District.

Peterson said he has watched breakups at the table and has seen women cry. One day, a woman left the table very upset. The guy she was with had a drink and then left.

"It is a little awkward but we have other

For the whole balcony to be clapping, it was pretty much a big deal. It was pretty

-**Michael Peterson**, on helping set up a successful wedding proposal at Carnivale

romantic.

tables to deal with," Peterson said. "I feel bad, but there's not much we can do."

Peterson has also been a part of tender moments at work.

He helped set up a successful wedding proposal at Carnivale that included corraling and hiding more than a dozen of the couple's family members.

The couple had brought along a friend on their evening. It was the friend's job to disappear for a few minutes so the man could propose to his girl-friend.

The hitch? The lead-in to the proposal took 20 minutes so Peterson was sure the woman had figured out what was

going on because her friend had been gone for so long.

The man eventually proposed and the woman cried. Peterson's part in the ploy was to bring the champagne toast. Then, finally, the friends and family got to partake in the celebration.

"For the whole balcony to be clapping, it was pretty much a big deal," Peterson said. "It was pretty romantic."

A proposal that Steven Lindemann of Lakeview witnessed as a server at the Kit Kat Lounge and Supper Club involved three people: A man, a woman and Lady Gaga.

Last year, a man took his girlfriend to the Lakeview lounge to watch her favorite performer, Lady Gaga. Well, almost.

The lounge's Lady Gaga impersonator, Aurora Sexton, performed a mashup of dance songs before directing the audience's attention to the couple. The man proposed and the woman put her hand up to wave her ring around to show her answer, said Lindemann, 32.

Then Sexton sang "You and I" to the couple. "Baby, I'd rather die without you and I/You and I, you, you and I/Nebraska I'd rather die without you and I."

"All eyes were on them," Lindemann said of the couple. "It was cool to observe."

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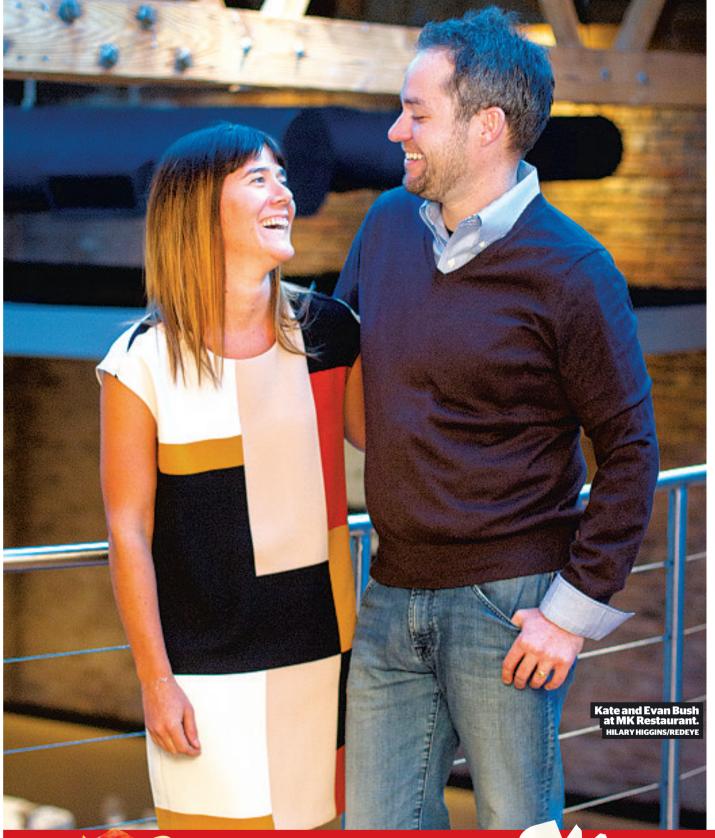
Procrastinating on where to take your date for Valentine's Day? You're not alone. Thirty-two percent of 923 respondents to an online survey on **restaurant.com**, a restaurant deals site based in Arlington Heights, said they were planning to wait to pick their Valentine's Day restaurant on the holiday. —**TS**





Said a meal at a French restaurant is the most romantic





A match made in the kitchen

By Tracy Swartz I REDEYE

At some Chicago restaurants, it's often love at first bite—among the workers, anyway.

Timothy O'Toole's on the Gold Coast boasts four employee couples and two married couples. An assistant general manager and a former waitress are expected to marry in September, according to the restaurant's publicist.

MK, a Near North Side restaurant, has served as matchmaker for 12 employees who met there and later married. One couple—a sous chef and office manager—currently are engaged, a publicist for the restaurant said.

For Kate and Evan Bush, there were many forks in their road to the aisle.

The couple started working together at MK in 2006. She was a hostess, he was a bartender. Six months later, after Kate's roommate moved out, she invited Evan to move in.

They lived together platonically for a couple of years in a Wicker Park place for three. The trio decided to move out. Evan, 31, moved into a place in Ukrainian Village. Kate, 30, moved into a place two blocks away.

Two days later, he helped her paint her new apartment. In between coats, they kissed and sparked a relationship. They dated for six months and then broke up.

Evan left MK and focused on his hobby of building furniture. Months passed and he focused on something else—getting Kate back.

He went over to her place in January 2009 and rekindled their relationship. He returned to MK that Valentine's Day and moved into Kate's place in March.

He proposed in April 2012 and they married in August.

They continue to work together at MK and live in Kate's place in Ukrainian Village. Their paint is still on the walls

Evan jokes about the difficulties of being married to someone you work with, especially in the pressure cooker atmosphere of a restaurant.

"It's a pain in the ass," he said. "It's hard to keep your home life at home and your work life at work."

Kate said one upside to their situation is that they get the same time off for vacations. She says it's interesting working with so many other couples.

"We all go to them for marital advice," Kate said. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM | @TRACYSWARTZ



44%

Said a meal at a Mexican restaurant is the least romantic



34%

Said a meal at a sushi restaurant is the least romantic



Said they're more likely to order dessert on Valentine's Day than on a typical restaurant outing **46**%

Said they're more likely to order appetizers on Valentine's Day

40%

Said they're more likely to order expensive entrees



42%

Said they're more likely to order wine on Valentine's Day

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President Obama's three-state tour will bring him to Chicago on Friday for a speech in Hyde Park, GETTY IMAGES

Obama goes to school

President expected to meet with young men in Hyde Park

Chicago Tribune

In addition to speaking at a South Side high school Friday, President Obama is expected to meet privately with 20 young black men there to discuss the challenges of growing up in a rough neighborhood.

White House officials asked Principal Antonio Ross, of Hyde Park Academy High School, to recommend students the president could meet. Ross said he suggested teens in a mentoring and behavioral skills program called Becoming a Man.

These students are very honest, very open, very opinionated and passionate," said Ross, adding that Obama will "get a real dose of what it feels like, at least from their perspective, of what it feels like growing up in the city of Chicago right now as a teen-

Obama, coming to Chicago as part of a three-state tour after his State of the Union speech, will address up to 700 people in the Hyde Park Academy gymnasium, including about 300 students, mostly seniors, Ross

Others will include parents, community members and public officials, he said. The event is not open to the public.

"We have a lot of students who are not doing well and may need the president's remarks for motivation," Ross said.

The president will discuss proposals for strengthening the economy for the middle class and those striving to get there," White House officials said.

He also is expected to touch on the subject of gun violence in the wake of the slaying of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old honor student, at a park about a mile from Obama's home in Kenwood.

The Hadiya Pendleton bill?

Sen, Mark Kirk (R-III) said. Wednesday that he had asked permission from the mother of slain Chicago teen Hadiya Pendleton to name his gun-safety legislation after the girl. A Kirk spokesman said he understood Hadiya's parents to be "receptive" to the idea and added: "We will work with them on it."

Council passes pee ordinance

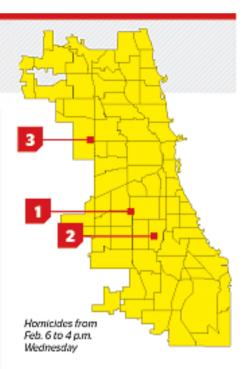
The City Council on Wednesday approved an ordinance that increased the fines to a range of \$500 to \$1,000 for drinking in the public way and public urination or defecation while within 800 feet of a parade in progress.

CTA orders more rail cars

The CTA board on Wednesday approved the purchase of eight additional rail cars with aislefacing seats—at a savings of about \$300,000 per car, officials said. The purchase of the eight Bombardier 5000 Series cars boosts the total order that was originally placed in 2006 to 714 cars, officials said.

New alderman sworn in

The City Council on Wednesday approved Mayor Emanuel's appointment of former Illinois Department of Transportation official Natashia Holmes as the new 7th Ward alderman, Holmes, 37, takes the seat vacated by former Ald. Sandi Jackson, who resigned last month.



HOMICIDE TRACKER

By Tracy Swartz

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Austin, Englewood and Gage Park each recorded a homicide in the last week, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data

In Austin, a 22-year-old man was stabbed to death Monday in the 5000 block of West Ohio Street, police said.

Austin has logged three homicides so far this year. This West Side community area recorded 37 homicides last year, according to RedEve data.

In Englewood, a 29-year-old man was shot to death Friday in the 6900 block of South Morgan Street, officials said.

Englewood has recorded three homicides so far this year. This South Side community area logged 21 homicides last year, RedEye found.

In Gage Park, a 19-year-old man was fatally shot Feb. 7 in the 2300 block of West 50th Place, police said.

Gage Park has recorded three homicides so far this year. This Southwest Side community area logged six homicides last year, RedEye determined.

Citywide, six homicides have been logged so far this month. Twenty-nine homicides were recorded in February 2012, according to RedEye data.

2300 BLOCK OF W. 50TH PLACE Date: Feb. 7 Cause: Gunshot

6900 BLOCK OF S. MORGAN ST. Date: Feb. 8 Cause: Gunshot

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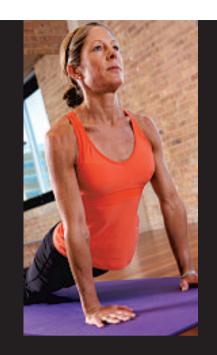
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4 killed in Ukraine airplane crash

At least four people died when a plane made an emergency crashlanding in Ukraine on Wednesday. the Russian news outlet, state-run RIA Novosti, reported. There were 45 people on board when the AN-24 crashed in the Donetsk region. an emergency official said.

Arrests in gang rape

Six suspects arrested and accused of raping a group of Spanish tourists in a Mexican resort city have confessed, a top official said Wednesday. "This case is resolved. but it is not the only one," said Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam.

Apple cuts laptop price

Apple on Wednesday said it would cut the price of its 13-inch MacBook Pro with Retina Display while simultaneously updating it with faster processors. The 15-inch model also is getting improved specs, although its price remains the same.

Pope's public appearance

Huge crowds in the Vatican cheered Pope Benedict XVI on Wednesday as he made his first public appearance since announcing his resignation at the end of the month. He thanked the faithful in several languages and said it was not appropriate for him to continue as pope.

Crimson Tide players arrested

Just a month after reveling in the glory of a national championship, four members of the University of Alabama football team have been arrested after a pair of campus robberies. The accused all are freshmen for the Crimson Tide, which beat Notre Dame last month

Experts: Expect baggage headaches

If US Airways and American Airlines go ahead with their merger as expected, passengers probably should brace themselves for a host of traveling snafus-from lost bags to flight delays and reservation headaches-that typically accompany such airline deals, experts say.

Horror at sea: Stricken ship due back in port

MOBILE, Ala. More than 4,220 people aboard the stricken cruise ship Carnival Triumph on Wednesday faced one more night of what some have described as hellish conditions before their expected arrival in Alabama, even as the company said the situation was im-

The 893-foot vessel has been without propulsion and running on emergency generator power since Sunday, when an engine room fire left it adrift off Mexico's southern Yucatan Peninsula. It is being hauled by tugboats to Mobile, Ala., where it is due to arrive no later than Thursday.

Vance Gulliksen, a spokesman for the ship's operator Carnival Corp., said Wednesday that conditions aboard the Triumph had improved, even as passengers described dire circumstances on board.

Some passengers who contacted relatives and media earlier this week before their cellphone batteries died reported a horrific situation aboard the ship, saying it was awash in raw sewage from overflowing toilets and running short on food and water.

Kim McKerreghan said that her husband and young daughter, who are on board the ship, said in a call on Monday that passengers were being forced to defecate in plastic bags due to a shortage of working toilets and that meals consisted of sandwiches with only condiments or

Nick Ware, whose mother is among the Triumph passengers, said, "Once the meat for the burgers ran out, they were basically just eating condiment hamburgers. Just, you know, whatever condiments they could get on a bun."



The cruise ship Carnival Triumph sits idle on Monday in the Gulf of Mexico. **GETTY IMAGES**



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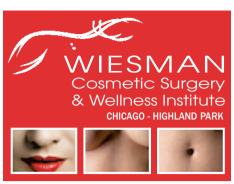
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"It may seem un-romantic, but it's actually one of the most romantic things

you can do," said Nikki Lively, a staff therapist at the Northwestern Family Institute.

"Money is very symbolic to people," she said. "It's more than just money; there's a lot of emotion tied to it. People have a relationship with money that can play out in their partner relationship."

That can be a source of harmony or a source of struggle.

"Finances in a relationship are probably one of the most common causes of conflict," Lively said.

That's putting it lightly Couples who disagree about money more than once a week are 30 percent more likely to get divorced than couples who fight about it just once a month, according to a study from Utah State University:

And, believe it or not, people with opposing attitudes about money are more likely to pair off.

"If you look at who tends to get married, spendthrifts are a little more likely to marry tightwads, and vice versa," said Eli Finkel, a professor of psychology at Northwestern. "It's a small effect, but it's reliable."

So are we all doomed to nasty breakups over how to pay the ComEd bill?

Not necessarily-you've just got to think bigger.

"It can trigger fights [when] the couple starts talking about just surface-level stuff, without talking about hey, what's the value there, what's the meaning of that?" Lively said.

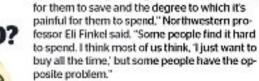
First off, talk with your partner about longterm financial goals, and work out a budget from there.

"I think [for] a lot of people, the pitfall is, they do it backwards: They add up all their expenses and say there's no money," said Colin Chase, a financial planner at Mindful Money Financial Counsel in River West. "But when you start with your goals first, and then build your life around your financial goals, you're more likely to have financial success."

And don't think that you and your partner automatically will have the same long-term priorities.

"People tend to just assume that everyone relates to money in the way that they do," Lively said. "I always recommend for couples that they have more open-ended conversations about what does money mean to you, what's the story behind that for you, how do you see money fitting into our life, sort of more open-ended, value-based questions."

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Finkel's research indicates that people are

"You can characterize people's spending habits

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slightly more likely to marry someone whose financial priorities are dramatically different from theirs.

"In those rare cases where you see [opposites attract), it tends to be something that people don't like that much in themselves," he said. "People who are spendthrifts know, and they tend to be attracted to people who don't have that problem." -mc





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Hut, hut, hockey!

Soldier Field dresses up and bears down for historic showcases

By Matt Lindner

FOR REDEYE

Building the first ice rink at Soldier Field isn't as simple as constructing an oval, sticking a hose in the middle and turning on the faucet on a cold winter day.

"You can't make ice that fast," said Kevin Gift, senior project manager for Ice Rink Events.

He should know. Gift and his crew have spent the past three weeks carefully building and maintaining the rink that is hosting the first hockey games in the stadium's 89-year history. Creating the ice that four college hockey teams will skate on Sunday is a painstaking process that requires time and attention to detail.

"Everything starts with just a light spray," Gift said. "Hopefully you can build about a 16th of an inch of flood and then you just have to build it in layers, otherwise it doesn't freeze right. It gets pockets of air under it, then it pops out when they skate on it. That causes holes, and that can cause an injury. It's a slow process."

Below the surface of the ice is enough pipe to stretch from Chicago to Schaumburg, carrying antifreeze that ensures the ice stays between an ideal 22 to 24 degrees.

"There's 41 miles of tubing in this rink," Gift said. "When we're making ice—when we first start out—we chill the antifreeze at zero and pump it through the tubes. When you add the water, it freezes to the tubes and then it starts building up."

It's a process that's been complicated by Chicago's wacky winter weather.

"It's been a battle," Gift said. "From 65 [degrees] and then two days later, it's 1 degree. It's been very hard on the ice."

While the finished product is the materialization of a dream more than two years in the making, getting to that point is anything but.

"Just getting everything bere, it's a logistics nightmare," he said. "This rink came from Ohio and part of it came from Houston. The antifreeze we use came out of a job that we had in Mexico."

Of course, Gift's crew aren't the only work-

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ers prepping for Saturday.

Soldier Field general manager Tim LeFevour has had employees wake the field from hibernation, making sure everything from the concession stands to the seating bowl are in midseason form.

If all goes according to plan, LeFevour said this likely won't be the last time we see pucks dropping and red lamps lit at the home of the Bears.

"I think they're gonna take a long, hard look at this and see if we can make this happen every once in a while," he said.

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How are Chicago sports like Valentine's Day?

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Derrick Rose at 110 percent is like ...

.. a stock exchange I do not understand. Similar to several other stock exchanges. .. champagne, a dozen roses, a box of chocolates and a diamond ring! I tried to answer this, but then the Bulls cut me off. Weird ... the "Megamind" version of Barry Bonds. Bulls win 73* next year. ... Brandon Knight at 164 percent.

What can the Cubs learn from Kerry Wood as their spring instructor?

Longevity is overrated. First get good, though.

Since we already know they're not going to win, at least they can learn how to be really awesome guys. How to suffer through failure after failure after failure.

Definitely how to comport yourself as a lovable loser.

How to make a really serviceable three-bean chili.

Now that the Olympics have dropped wrestling, what should they add?

Long-distance trampoline hurdles. Absolutely horrifying that's not a sport yet. Olympic coach for bikini car washing, duh.

Baseball and softball. Again. Jerks. MMA. Just totally take the wind out of boxing. #bodyblow Falling from heights.

What will Johnny Knox do now that the Bears let him go?

Wonder why anyone pays Kellen Davis ever. What do you nickname a guy who's the opposite of "Hands"? Bikini car washing, of course.

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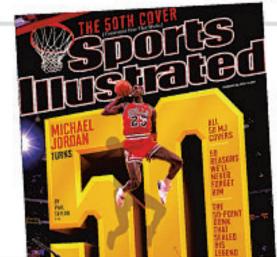
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Michael Jordan for Heisman

Sports Illustrated is joining the celebration of Michael Jordan's 50th birthday with its 50th cover featuring the former Bulls star. Jordan is on the cover of SI's Feb. 18 issue. The magazine notes that Jordan again declined its interview requests, as he has done ever since SI made light of his attempt to play baseball. Guess you don't wanna be on MJ's bad



Tiger Woods won a U.S. Open with a broken leg and a torn ACL, but even he's not this hard-core. Daniela Holmgvist, a member of the Ladies European Tour, was bitten by a black widow spider during a recent round in Australia, then dug out the venom with a tee and finished the round. Wow.



Will Ferrell's power trip

The "Anchorman" is at it again. Will Ferrell attended Tuesday's Lakers game at the Staples Center-as an usher. It gets better. The name he used? Ted Vagina. He even escorted Shaquille O'Neal off the premises. Don't mess with Ted Vaginal

The nonconference schedule in our league is ridiculous. It's not very appealing, so we've made an agreement that our future games will all be Division I schools."

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Witch

Alice Englert and Alden Ehrenreich save love from the dark side in 'Beautiful Creatures'

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Loner newcomer captivates resident misfit. Their chemistry crackles, but there's something a little ... different ... about one of them. Put away your silver daggers you haven't caught the rebirth of the "Twilight" series.

In the highly anticipated big-screen adaptation of teen romance-thriller novel "Beautiful Creatures," opening Thursday, relative unknowns Alden Ehrenreich ("Tetro") and Alice Englert (the upcoming "Ginger and Rosa") star as star-crossed lovers Ethan Wate and Lena Duchannes. He's a Gatlin, S.C., boy with a penchant for Kurt Vonnegut and Bob Dylan; she's the new girl in town who just happens to be—gasp—a "caster," a nicer term for witch.

At the Trump International Hotel, L.A. native Ehrenreich, 23, and 19-year-old Australian Englert talked about the "basic survival" of high school, their worst adolescent flaws and how they prepared their Southern accents.

Ethan falls in love pretty quickly with Lena. and it's clearly been hard for him to find this sort of thing. Do you think that her being a caster was part of what made him fall for her, or was it just her being different? Alden Ehrenreich: Well, he doesn't know that, but I think there's a sense of something exotic and something otherworldly and something more sophisticated, and some-

thing he's never—his whole thing is wanting

to experience something he's never known

because he's had this monotony in his life in

this small town, and so I think that it's just who she is.

Do you think she maybe cast a little of the spell on him too, not knowing it?

Alice Englert: You know, actually, that used to be my favorite song, "I Put A Spell on You" by Screamin' Jay Hawkins. You know it? It's a great video, very gothic and crazy. No, I think she likes to do it the real way. "Actually like me, please."

One of the central struggles is that Lena will be claimed by either the dark or the light when she turns 16. It seems like a lot of high school girls are similar-either really nice or kind of dark. Why do you think that happens to girls at that age?

Alice: Actually, I don't think that they're kind of nice or they're dark. I think that all girls of that age, I mean, I'm probably wrong, but I think there's such a huge level of insecurity and I think that we have so many different conflicting feelings and ideas in our nature ... I think that that time is just basic survival. And it's not about who you are, you just wanna keep being stable enough to get to know who you are. It's just a very compromising time, and I think hormones really do it. I remember when I was that age I didn't want



to admit that ... [I thought], "My problems are really important!" ... And they were, they were really important to me. But it's really good to be able to have perspective. To know that that stuff ... you get through it because the world is a lot bigger than that.

Both of your characters struggle a little, or a lot, with high school, not necessarily fitting in much. What's something that you thought was different or awkward about you in high

Alice: My hips being like up here [indicates] during puberty, probably. I mean, come on, the whole of high school is pretty awkward, isn't it?

Alden: I had a lot of acne. Alice: I kind of left.

That's a good call.

Alice: So, let that speak for itself.

And what about you, Alden, the acne probably?

Alden: I think the acne was bad, yeah. No one remembers it; none of my friends remember me having it, but I had really bad acne for like years.

That's something that never leaves you. Alden: Yeah, well ... [touches his face]

Alice: [Laughs.]

On the inside, I mean ... So, obviously neither one of you has a Southern accent. What did you do to learn that? Did you have a coach?

Alden: Yeah, we had a dialect coach named Rick Lipton who was amazing, and not only taught us about kinda like how to do the accent but why people talk like that in the South and really taught us about Southern culture, which is such an important part of the story. And for me it was amazing because I had a week to prepare for the part, so having him there, really, it was kinda like he did a bunch of research that I didn't have time to do, and that was incredibly informative.

See Matt Pais' review of "Beautiful Creatures" on page 20.



Is there a particular part of the accent that you struggled with, like words that didn't come naturally to you?

Both: Yeah!

Alden: "Innie." ... "Any" is "innie." I used to sing a Willie Nelson song before takes.

Alice: What was the song?

Alden: "Pancho and Lefty." Before takes to kind of get [ready].

Want to sing a little bit for us?

Alden: No, no. I don't know it anymore.

Oh, that's too bad. How about for you, Alice?

Alice: The struggle always goes into one big blob for me. Being an Australian, learning accents is very important. You just have to do it for every job.

Alden: That's crazy. It's crazy how many Australian actors are constantly—I mean, like, Nicole Kidman, constantly doing American accents in movies. I mean, I couldn't imagine.

Alice: Yeah, it's really, um, mad. So for me, yeah, it really is just one big struggle struggle struggle struggle pain pain ughghghghg and then, OK.

Alden: When's the OK?

Alice: Generally after the second take of the first day.

Alden: Oh. OK.

Alice: I would say lines as I was falling asleep. I would say my lines and try to do the accent, like, falling asleep.

Alden: Well. The scary thing is trying not to memorize intonation 'cause you don't want to—if your line is like "pass the milk," you don't want to be like, "paaass the milk, paaass the milk," and then you show up and you're like, "paaass the milk," and everyone's like, "Why are you doing that?"

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Full of love, not that pretty



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» mpais @tribune.con » @mattpais There are many reasons the "Twilight" movies don't work, but the big one is that Edward (Robert Pattinson) and Bella (Kristen Stewart) make lousy characters, separately and together. Be it the script, the performances, whatever: The couple personified "blah."

That's not the case

in "Beautiful Creatures," the latest big-screen adaptation of a popular teen novel, this one by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl.

Ethan (Alden Ehrenreich) is an ordinary teenager starting his junior year and longing to get out of small-town Gatlin, S.C. New girl in town Lena (Alice Englert) is a caster—essentially a witch, though that's not the preferred term—and, like Edward's take on Bella, fears she may hurt Ethan if he gets too close.

But the passion of teen romance trumps inhibitions or otherworldly power-based rules, and Ethan and Lena can't imagine being more than a few feet apart. He envies her travels and mystery; she admires his stability and dedication. Ehrenreich and Englert feed the heat between these two, and you actually hope this potentially doomed relationship gets a fair shot.

Outside of their bond, "Beautiful Crea-

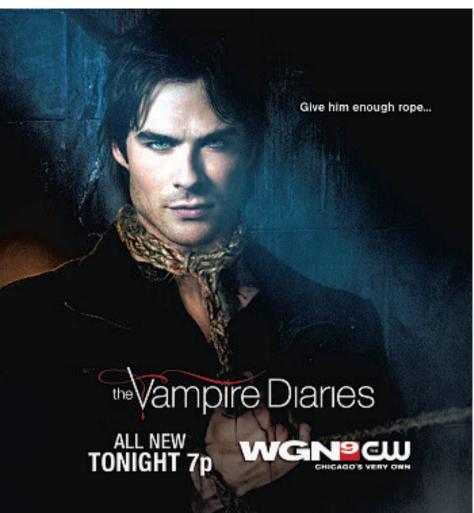


tures" often feels leaden. Writer-director Richard LaGravenese ("P.S. I Love You") shovels on so much plot that the film takes forever to set up and keeps expanding its mythology without taking off. The big question is whether Lena's witchly powers will be assigned to the light or the dark on her impending 16th birthday. Uncle Macon (Jeremy Irons) roots for the good, while Mrs. Lincoln (Emma Thompson, having fun as a Southern belle) and cousin Ridley (Emmy Rossum) favor evil.

Setting aside the whole witch thing, it's not hard to recall being that age and the sensation of being pulled in many different directions, unsure of what you will become and how.

For a while, LaGravenese's script has pep, and he effectively and sometimes funnily sets the scene in tiny, God-fearing Gatlin. In voiceover, Ethan notes that the town gets movies after they've already been released on DVD, and even then they're spelled wrong—the marquee advertises the latest Leo DiCaprio movie, "Interception." Christopher Nolan could make a visually astounding mind-melder of a football movie with effects and momentum far stronger than "Beautiful Creatures."

As far as teen dramas with admirably strong female characters go, though, "Beautiful Creatures" gets its world off to a decent start.







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Even before John McClane (Bruce Willis) calls his CIA operative son, Jack (Jai Courtney), "007 of Plainfield, N.J.," "A Good Day to Die Hard" already feels more like a Bond

movie ("Die-monds Are Forever"?) than what it is: "Die Hard 5."

Or is it "Terminator" or "Taken" or ...? Following the example set by the moronic "Live Free or Die Hard"—which only got worse by casting Justin Long as the personification of a vippy dog—"A Good Day to Die Hard" now depicts formerly relatable cop Mc-Clane as an indestructible force. He survives the unsurvivable and smells trouble before there's any in the air. He's never surprised and never shaken, even when he flies to Moscow to rescue his son and lands in the middle of a shootout/car chase. Eh, just another day for the man who always saves it.



A Good Day to Die Hard

This increasingly smug hero, repeatedly complaining that he's on vacation even though he isn't, also yells at a Russian for speaking Russian and comically mispronounces Russian words. "A Good Day" isn't as consistently offensive as its more exciting predecessor (which acted as if this franchise really had something to say about the vulnerabilities in national security, in that our only reliable line of defense is McClane), other than a late-movie detour that replicates the poor taste of one of last year's worst horror films. I won't spoil it for you, and trying to guess provides more fun than the new "Die Hard" does.

If you care, the plot's generic espionage nonsense involving an elusive file and a political prisoner (Sebastian Koch). I think one of



the minor villains is played by Zangief from "Street Fighter." Despite hackneyed stuff in which we wait for Jack to stop calling his dad "John," Courtney is solid in the sort of role Sam Worthington would make bland. Doesn't matter. Director John Moore ("Max Payne") and writer Skip Woods ("X-Men Origins: Wolverine") have no idea how to

keep the franchise going, so they make a lot of anonymous noise, all for naught.

At one point, McClane laments the destruction of his phone. In the last "Die Hard," he voluntarily smashed his phone on the street. Continuity has become a thing of the past for the franchise, which would help itself by not continuing anymore.

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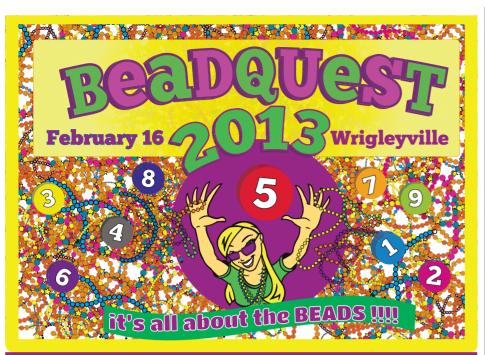
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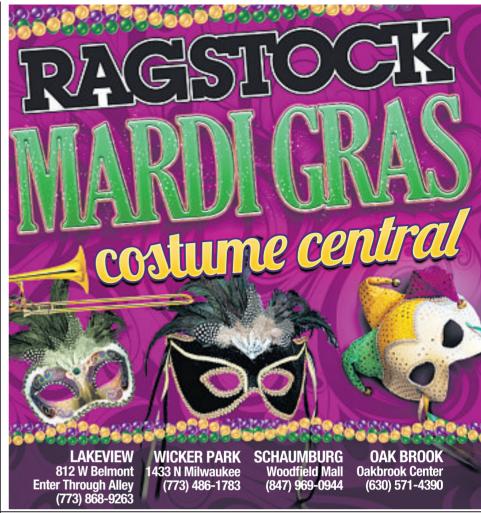
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Nicholas Sparks adaptation fizzles



You should know:
"Safe Haven" contains
two big twists that
also are big mistakes,
turning an already
watered-down romance into frustrating, flavorless slush.

As Katie and Alex, Julianne Hough (who neither sings nor dances) and Josh Duhamel are neither the problem nor the solution.

He works in a coastal North Carolina market. In a prologue shot like a thriller, she escapes a bloody incident in Boston, evades the cops and hops on a bus, eventually landing in Alex's small town. Katie starts working at Ivan's Fish Shack and buys an isolated house in the woods, clearly believing the best way to protect herself is in a home whose location and lack of outside lighting resembles the doomed cabin in "Mama."

It should be no surprise for anyone familiar with the saints/sinners characterizations of



Nicholas Sparks stories ("The Notebook," "The Lucky One") that both characters are running from major pain, but are up for a relationship when a perfect, gorgeous specimen comes along.

Alex is a widower whose son, Josh, isn't sure about Katie; Alex's daughter, Lexie, loves her from the start. As the couple grows cozier, a manic Boston cop (David Lyons) ruthlessly searches for Katie as if he has only one case, but no real idea how to handle it.

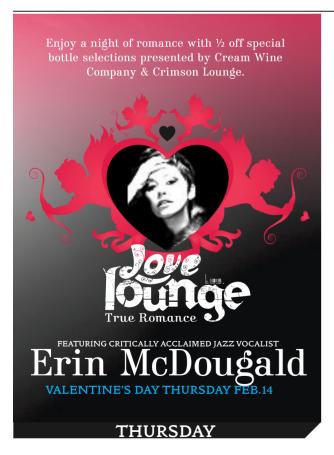
As Katie's neighbor Jo, Cobie Smulders ("How I Met Your Mother") occasionally pops up for bland conversations featuring statements like, "Katie, the great thing is, life is full of second chances." Directed by Lasse Hallstrom, who gathered nice work from Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried in the



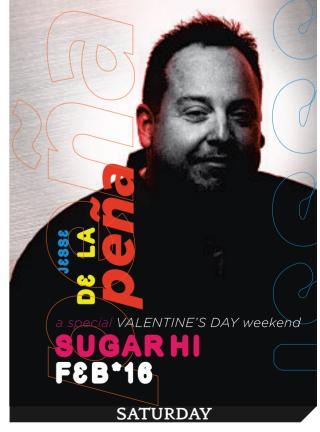
superior "Dear John," "Safe Haven" makes good use of Hough's shorts and Duhamel's Vneck T-shirts, but never pushes their relationship outside formula. However, anyone who doesn't melt a little when Alex gazes at letters that his late wife wrote for their kids has a heart of stone—stone, I say.

Left alone as a story of two wounded hearts becoming one, "Safe Haven" could comfort like an old pillow. Mucked up by cliché and manipulation, the contrived, Lifetime-esque film is just a smelly rag with holes.















Love-struck



RedEye's favorite movie romances

'About Last Night'

What do you get when you cross 1986 Rob Lowe with Demi Moore's original nose? The quintessential 20-something Chicago love story. Watching love bloom from a one-night stand between two beautiful people who met at a shady neighborhood bar is something we can all relate to. It's especially fun to watch as the couple moves in together too fast and has to deal with disapproving friends, uncomfortable break ups with F-buddies and not really knowing what they want at 24. Add on all the "I KNOW WHERE THAT IS!" moments throughout the film ... and did I mention that 1986 Rob Lowe is really, really hot? -JESSICA



'Brokeback Mountain' 2005

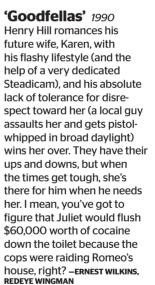
Who doesn't need a good cry? "Brokeback Mountain" showed a love that wasn't defined by the lovers in question, played so well by Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal. It just was love, and that was cool. Too sad it had to end the way it did.

-CURT WAGNER, FEATURES EDITOR



Forrest and Bubba in 'Forrest Gump'

At first, I suggested Forrest and Jenny, but then I remembered how horrible Jenny was to Forrest. He was there for her throughout her entire life (literally), but she never matched his love. But Forrest and his best friend Bubba are a true love story: They are cut from the same damaged cloth, and they share some of life's most horrific times together. Who can get through the scene with Bubba dying in Forrest's arms without bawling? The final act of love comes when Forrest names his shrimp company after Bubba and gives Bubba's mother a share in the company. -BRIAN MOORE,



'10 Things I Hate About You' 1999

One of the truly wonderful classic-novel adaptations of the '90s (holler, "Clueless"!). "10 Things" taught me that you really should be mooning over that scruffy guy who maybe-sorta ate almost an entire duck-everything but the beak and feet—and that being a riot grrrl who drives a badass car and flashes the teacher, but is really damaged at heart, is the way to get him. You don't always have to be the ditz who loves her Prada backpack to get the quy, ladies! - DANA MORAN, ASSISTANT EDITOR



'High Fidelity'

Yes, John Cusack's character (left) is a major asshat to his longtime girlfriend, Laura, and even lists (of course) the multiple reasons she's leaving him. But the exhausting breakup and unsentimental reunion are more realistic than a lot of Hollywood romances, and we even get a mixtape in the process. -кате BERNOT, NIGHTLIFÉ EDITOR

VALENTINE'S DAY PDA

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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY! VANESSA MCGRAW...

Happy Valentines Day to the woman that makes everyday a Fairytale. I love you more than you could ever imagine. As we continue this journey together I thank you for every step along the way. Love you always my queen.

Stuart Walden



BUTTERRRRR...

Happy Valentine's day Puff! I love you soooo much and cant wait to become Mrs. Lauren Murphy. Looking forward to spending forever and ever

Love Always, LaLa Pop

TO MY JAKE.

A million miles of travel starts with a single step, a lifetime of happiness started with three words, I LOVE YOU

Mark



DYNAMIC DUO

WHAM! BAM!! Thank you, man... .. for being the Batman to my Robin. Or is it the Robin to my Batman? I

guess it depends on the mood & current "dynamic"? Nonetheless, Happy (first) Valentine's Day, sweetfart.
I LOVE YOU, BRIAN! "My Dearest Love".

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY LYNN ANDREW BRITTON, SR.!

Babe, from the moment we met, we BOTH knew we would spend the rest of our lives together. We were each other's answered prayer. In the words of our wedding song, "I believe you're the reason God gave me life..." Happy Valentine's

Day My Love! Mrs. Chanita Britton

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY LUCY



I am blessed to have you in my life.

Love, Rich

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XOXO DARREN

TO BIG SEXY PAPA BEAR FROM

LITTLE MEXICAN BROWN BEAR To Lateef, someone I am very fortunate to have in my life. I LOVE being on Team Lateef because you have an old soul full of wisdom, talent & your my life coach. U always motivate me 2 always do better, be honest, always remind me to love myself & fellow man...you make me wanna be a better partner, person & a become a BETTER MAN.I'm always glad I have you by my side..Us 2 AGAINST THE WORLD! <3 xoxo Luciano

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TO THE BEST MOM IN THE WORLD!

Happy Valentine's Day to the sweetest, kindest, most loving and caring mother that anyone could have asked for. We appreciate everything you do and we love you so much! You're always gunna am!

Love: Bec, George, and Ria.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO MY FIANCÉE



To Baby Ge, my lifelong teammate: Be mine today and forever. I love you.

John (Baby Ce)



HAPPY VD ALEXIS PUHALA!

I know all women love VD, so as a woman I'm sure you'll love this VD

greeting! If you're feeling frisky don't be ashamed to scratch that VD itch - if you don't it'll fester and leave you feeling sore and blue. May your VD be filled with chocolate and roses (dethorned of course ouch!) and may your VD partner share in these delights with you!!!

MARY ELLEN - YOUR

I find it in your bed or take it straight off your head. When your not around, it helps me sleep sound.

Your Creepy Valentine

SORRY VALENTINE'S IS SO CLOSE TO MY BDAY. YOU'RE SCREWED.



Don't you wish you had thought of putting something in the newspaper like this? Because that would have been adorable.

"Whatever month you are, I want to sit on that month forever' That actually makes sense to me.

I love you, Ben.

xo, me

AMANDA, I'VE LOVED YOU FOR 5 YEARS, 7 MONTHS AND 20 DAYS

...but who's counting?

That's just the beginning, my dear. Happy Valentines Day!

- John W.

Love, Bill



Let's keep the good times rolling and for me to keep showing you new and exciting things! Let this Valentine's day be one to remember! Hope everything goes well this valentine's day "dishwasher"! xoxo!

JMB "DISHWASHER"



HAIR IS EVERYWHERE!

It smells so sweet, but took years to complete. when i take it everywhere, they always stare! I know I'm a creep, i even brush it in your sleep. On this Valentine, Victory will be mine!

MUSHY HEADLINE GOES HERE

Hey Michael Simon: Every day is a choice, and every day

I choose to turn to you. Even when you haven't changed

vour socks.

Love, Stephanie Hardiman Simon



TO MY FIRST KISS

Thanks for making my Chicago.

Love V.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, MAYA! I LOVE YOU!



Your always there for me baby and I love that I get to call you mine. I hope you read this on the bus and it makes your day :). Baby, I love you!

Mack E Stack

TO MY FAVORITE PUNK **LILLIAN TORRES**

In honor of our 1st Valentine, I wanted to show you how much I care and love you. You have accepted me

for who am I and my 2 cats package. This time with you has been amazing and full of dorkyness. Cant wait until we go krazy this summer and remember if we get caught your deaf and I don't speak English j/k:)

Maricela Contreras

I LOVE YOU!! MUJIMANI OREORE!!

ISEUL~~ You may do sudoku in a train. You may see this section. You may expect then take a look.

Did you see this? Good Job.^^ I love you mujimani pyungseng.^^You 2 right? GOMAWAYO YUPE ISSUJOSU^^

Jun^^

TO MY ALL STAR #80

Frankie,

They say the secret of a successful marriage lies in falling in love many times over with the same person. Thank you for sticking gum in my hair as kids over 30 years ago, =). Little did you know that would be the bond that would bring us togeth er again. Looking forward to falling in love everyday for the rest of our lives. Here is to our love & our beautiful son. Anxious to say I do all over again soon. I love you.

Your #1 fan, Jessie



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! JUANITO C. TENEMAZA,

I'm happy and thankful every single day to have you by my side and you never fail to make me feel so special

and loved. Si pudieras ver mi en mi alma entenderías que en una vida no basta para explicarte cuanto TE AMÓ, quiero estar en tu vida, en tus sueños, y en tu corazón. Nadie había logrado, lo que tu me haces sentir, y pues a mi corazón has entrado. I love you babe! <3 :)

Claudia I. Aguilar

MY BEAUTIFUL BALLERINA.



Baby you have always been there for me and taken care of your sick boy. You are my bestfriend and my soulmate. I love you so so much. Happy Valentines Day to you Ese and Samurai.

John-Paulie



VALENTINE'S DAY PDA



FOR WAS VI

Roses are red Violets are blue You're sweet as candy I love you, Stew!

KMH



You make me happy in every way! Cheers to V-Day #2 with you!

xoxo Daphne

TO DOUGLAS FAIR JR:

Thank you for being the most genuine, positive and loveable person in my life. I am so lucky to have you. Cheers to one year of dating, and Happy Valentine's Day Love!

Love, Lauren

ERIC CONKLIN

I love waking up in the morning knowing you're mine. Making you happy makes me happy and I just want you to know you make me feel like the luckiest girl alive. HAPPY VALENTINES DAY handsome;)

A.K

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Din'ka

TO MY SOULMATE LINDA

I know at times situations between us are not perfect, I am certainly not perfect. What is perfect, is my love for you! You and our 3 beautiful children are what make my life complete. I love you and Happy Valentine's Day!

Rocky

JIMMY BUTLER - BE MY VALENTINE?

Not only are you a defensive stud, you've given my heart a tug. And while your stats continue to soar, you give Bulls fans everywhere something more. I dedicate my life to this team and SEE RED everywhere I go, so make my day today and just go with the flow. Watching you develop into a star hasn't taken much time. But today be more than my favorite Bull, be my Valentine?

Bulls Forever and Ever, Taina Molina

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY **BUTTERCUP**

Within you, I lose myself. Without you, I find myself wanting to be lost again. You are the love of my life and look foreword in spending the rest of my life with you!!

Love Always & Forever Your Mr. Bucci

WILLYOU BE MY VALENTINE WADE HAROLD?!?!

LOVE IS....finding the most handsome, sweet, clever and amazing man to love and grow with everyday. Thank you for the best two years of my life and everything to come. Happy Valentines day habel

Catherine Murphy

DEAR JAIME AND LYDIA



You both mean everything to me. I love you both so much. Happy Valentine's Day!

Ron



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Thanks for all you do for us, Dad!

Love you!

Beaker, Iggy, & Mom

DAMEON WILLIAMS



KESHANDA TORRES

THIS IS LOVE.

Hello baby. Surprise! I love you and I want you to know that when the zom-

bies come, I'll keep you safe... until a herd of zombies come, then you will keep me safe with your headshot abilities while I go into the fetal position.

Nip Slip Photobomb



HANDSOME BANANA

It was Halloween 2010, I saw you across the bar in your banana costume. You were the best looking

fruit in the room alongside your friend dressed like Zack Morris. We exchanged information. A dinner date led to another date and another with lots of laughs along the way. Thank you for asking me to marry you. I love you Our Boston wedding is going to be wicked awesome!

xoxo, CoCo

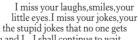
HAPPY THURSDAY!



To the only girl who could take my breath away. happy valentines day and get well soon.

David

MISSYOU



mocking and the stupid jokes that no one gets but just you and I...I shall continue to wait for you. Remember that Ill be here. I miss you

VIK

LOVIN' THE LOVE



Jen Jen & Mags, Thanks for all your love and support. Your friendship means more than you know.

D

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Happy Valentines day to my gorgeous girlfriend, Maggie Hays, you are like the Chicago Skyline: one of a kind, always beautiful, and I love you.

Danny Mota

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Love, Kylie

TO NATE - THE BEST **BOO EVER**

Boo, I love you because you are the best man I know; You make me laugh you give the best hugs, and you take

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Michelle G.

TO 103.5 KISS-FM'S BROTHA FRED MY WORK HUSBAND OF 2 YEARS:



Roses are red, Vodka is white If you keep posting pictures of your feet on Twitter, we gon' fight.

Happy Ballentimes. Love you. -Angi Taylor

I LOVE YOU AMORE!

You're just too good to be true. Can't take my eyes off of you. You'd be like heaven to touch.

I wanna hold you so much. At long last love has arrived And I thank God I'm alive. You're just too good to be true. Can't take my eyes off of you.

Teresa

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

Marianne, Im glad you came back to my life and i couldn't ask for a better girlfriend. Through thick and thin i will always be by your side. This is going to be a unforgettable valentines day."Loving is not just looking at each other, its looking in the same direction"

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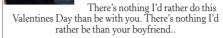
MICHELLE MY BELL! I LOVE YOU!!



Happy Valentines Day sweetheart. You're the chocolate that melted my heart on a hot summer day. You're the spicy hot tamale that keeps my nights burning. And I love you!

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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY BOO!



Love always and forever, Ruben

TO MY BABY

Though we are far apart you will forever be in my heart. Each day you make my heart skip a beat and put a smile on my face. Valentines Day is another day I get to tell you how much I care about you, want you and need you. Happy Valentines Day Baby!! Muaah!!

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designed just for me. For everthing I lack you make up for with love and compassion. Jerome White you are the person I want to grow old with and I Love you with all my heart and my soul! We're in it to win!

The Future Mrs. White

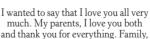
TO MY GILLY



So many of my smiles begin with you. I am so lucky to be your wife.

Love, Annie

MY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND LOVE.



I love you kids! Friends, thank you for the great memories. Babe, the greatest thing we have learned is to love and be loved in return, no matter what happens we have each other & your going to be a daddy! For everyone else out there, stay in faith, don't give up.

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Your Wife, Ari

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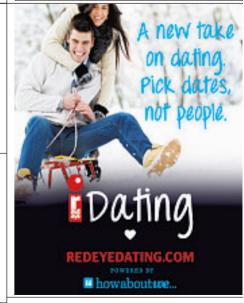
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Upper crust

New pizzeria Flour & Stone turns up the heat in Streeterville

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REDEVE When Flour & Stone opened in Streeterville last week touting "Chicago's Brooklyn-style pizza," I wasn't sure quite what to expect.

I spent a few pizzaeating years as a poor 20-something in Brooklyn and remember my local joint, Mario's Pizza, serving the same oversized, foldable slices as corner pizzerias in Manhattan. If the borough had established its own standout style, it was beyond my detection.

As it turns out, "Brooklyn-style," is more a source of inspiration than a strict definition. Friends Chris Murphy and Shawn DeAmicis were inspired by the pizza they loved from their East Coast upbringing and wanted to feature a tangier sauce and fresh ingredients.

They're not trying to replicate any one pizza parlor, Murphy said, though Brooklyn pizzeria Roberta's was thrown out as an example.

As for its location. the owners had one neighborhood in mind: Streeterville. It has plenty of hotel restaurants and chain eateries, but could use a pizza option that was a notch above the usual delivery joints, they thought.

And I gotta say, they were right. On opening weekend, it looked like every resident of The Streeter, the towering apartment complex that houses Flour & Stone (along with neighbors D4 and a newly opened location of coffee shop Dollop) was looking to get a taste.

Would these pies be worth the wait?

The crust These hand-pressed pies are baked for about five minutes in a 600-plus degree gas-fired ceramic

oven that looks a lot like an igloo-and essentially acts as "a big pizza stone," manager Jennifer Barozzini said. Each pie is ringed with a substantial "handle" of crust that's puffier and chewier than a traditional New York slice. It has enough body that it doesn't flop over, so there's no

need to fold it. The 13-inch diameter results in a six-slice pizza that's satisfyingly split between two people when paired with a salad (\$7.50). Me? I put down three pieces at the restaurant and took care of two of the remaining three as a midnight snack.

The sauce: You might call this "the land of the two-ingredient sauces," Barozzini said. Red sauce combines im-

> ported Italian tomatoes with dried oregano, while the white sauce is simply olive oil with garlic that disappears into

> > the crust. The toppings:

The first pizza I was drawn towhite sauce with bacon, red onion and crushed red pepper (S16.75) -has been Flour & Stone's mostordered pie. With the way chunks of smoky applewood-

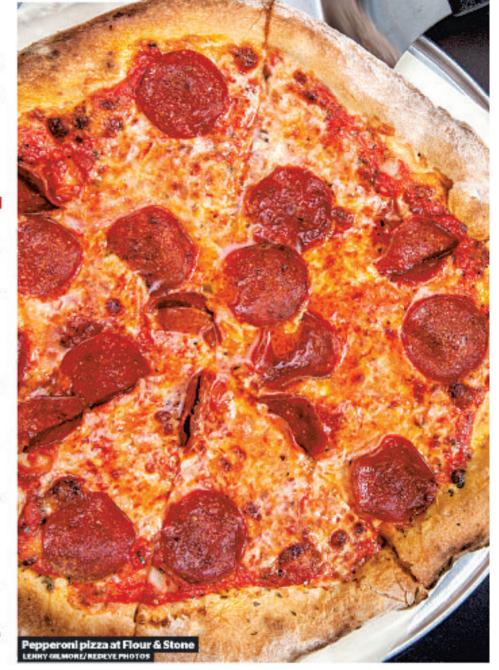
smoked bacon mingled with sweet rings of onion and that punchy pepper, I can see why. The Vegetable (\$20.50) is pricey, but you're paying for high-quality toppings: green pepper, mushrooms, artichoke hearts, red onion and spinach, none descending into mushiness as some veggie pizzas do. The margherita (\$15.25) features the same mozzarella-provolone cheese blend as all the other pizzas, so it's not for purists who idolize the traditional Italian version with its blobs of fresh mozzarella: however, it is a damn good cheese pizza. You also can create your own pizza with toppings ranging from banana peppers to pineapple to anchovies (\$14 plus \$1.75-\$2.25 per topping). The two add-ons that looked to me like they were plucked from New York pizzerias were broccoli and meatballs - though instead of slicing the meatballs into circles, here they're a pork-beef blend dropped onto the pie in sausage-like morsels.

Everything else: Flour & Stone is open

for dinner (dine-in and carryout 5-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 5-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday), with lunch and delivery to be added in upcoming weeks. They don't have fancy glassware (you'll get the same plastic stuff as for fountain drinks), but it is BYOB for now.

Bottom line: There's bound to be plenty of debate about what is and isn't New York about Flour & Stone's pizza. Though it doesn't have the trademarks of my Brooklyn pizzeria memories-cheap prices, by-theslice options and a layer of grease on the counter-I still dug it. Put aside your preconceptions about "style" and just eat it. REPORTERS VISIT RESTAURANTS UNANNOUNCED AND MEALS

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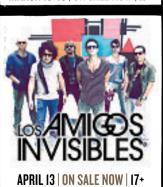


















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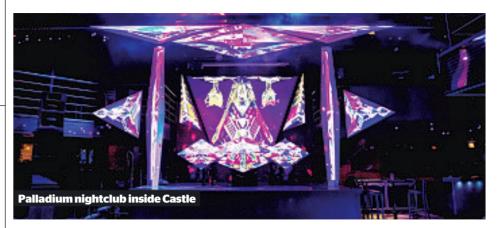
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Excalibur's royal reboot

By Kate Bernot

REDEVE

Love it or hate it, Excalibur has been a fixture of River North's club scene since it opened in 1989. Twenty-four years is an eternity in nightlife time, and the club's owners decided this winter that it was time for a reboot.

Come March 1, Excalibur and the adjacent club Vision will be retired, and night owls can shake it at a new hangout, Castle. After a six-month renovation, Castle will debut as an expansive club with five separate "environments," from a first-floor pub to a fifth-floor dance club with new audio-visual installa-

"[We're] creating a sound, lighting, video and entertainment experience to rival a festival such as Lollapalooza," said Tim Borden, a consultant and developer behind Castle.

Most of the audio and visual innovations are located inside Palladium, the top-floor dance club that will host international DJs and has a capacity of approximately 1,300.

A Void sound system, custom programmable LED lighting and, yes, a 3-D video projector have been installed on walls, stages and DJ booths throughout Palladium, according to entertainment director Jeff Newing.

"Remember Carrie Underwood's dress

Castle

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from The Grammys?" Newing said, citing an example of 3-D projection technology. "The surface of the DJ booth and the actual speakers that are hanging next to the stage are mapped with videos. It doesn't look like you're watching a video screen; you're watching a set design that's moving."

In addition to Palladium, Castle will also include a first-floor pub called Castle Craft Pub & Eatery, serving pizzas, sandwiches and draft beers. Also on the first floor, Cabaret will host live dance and interactive stage shows. The third floor is home to Sanctuary, an LGBTQ-focused dance club, while basement Lair Lounge is a more intimate space to retreat after some time on the dance floor.

Castle gave an advanced peek at the space during a New Year's Eve party, but it officially will open March 1 with a lineup that includes Grammy-winning producer and house music DJ Roger Sanchez as well as dance DJ Chris Lake on March 2. Ticket information will be released soon on Palladium's Facebook page.

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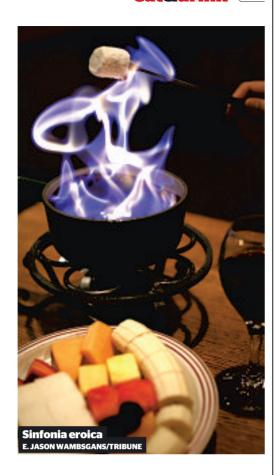
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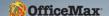
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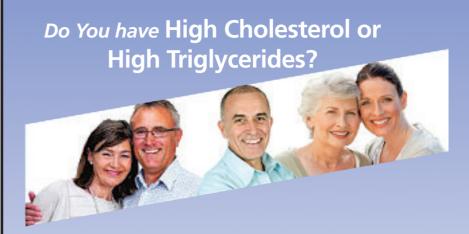
Godiva Dark Chocolate martini at Harry Caray's

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I'm a girly girl who loves any dessert, and this drink made me go ooooh without leaving a massive, sugar-induced headache. The Godiva Dark Chocolate martini (\$11), a Valentine's Day special at Harry Caray's, features Godiva Dark Chocolate Liqueur, Svedka vodka and Chambord (a black raspberry liqueur) and is

garnished with chocolate shavings, chocolate powder and a Hershey's kiss. The cocktail wasn't as rich as I anticipated, more smooth and creamy on the intake. The chocolate liqueur and vodka play a fine balancing act, and the Chambord stays obscured unless you rouse it from the bottom of the glass. And no, the chocolate shavings, powder and Hershey's kiss aren't overkill—it's Valentine's Day; what lady wouldn't mind extra chocolate?

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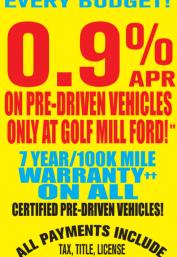


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Short on plot, not action

'Zero Hour'

7 p.m. Thursday, ABC

In about three minutes, the premiere of ABC's "Zero Hour" manages to squeeze in Nazis, Rosicrucians, a mysterious baby, mentions of the end times and biblical

prophecy. It's like speed-reading Dan Brown.

But by the end of the first episode, you may be wishing you could jump ahead to the last pages—I mean episode—of this silly, overwrought series. With several folks from "Prison Break" working offcamera, the show aims to be a breakneck thriller with just enough weirdness to entice fans of elaborate puzzles like "Lost," or even "National Treasure."

ABC has been vigorously beating the drum for the show, including posting the debut online ahead of its Thursday telecast. It has enlisted the beloved Anthony Edwards of "ER" as the main character, magazine publisher Hank Galliston. He also is the husband of

Laila (Jacinda Barrett), a clock maker. But! Laila! Gets! Kidnapped!

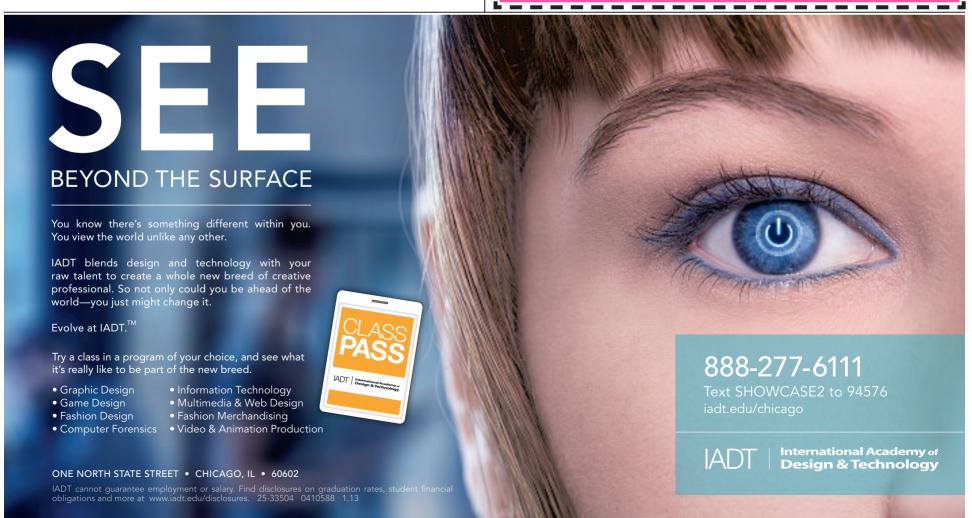
Sorry. This is the kind of show where everything seems exclamatory. Desperate to get his wife back, Hank and

his magazine team (Addison
Timlin and Scott Michael

Foster) begin to discover things that connect to old plans and mysteries. Of course, we as viewers know he's about to be part of a big deal, thanks to those first three minutes. And "Zero Hour" wastes little time on the way to a premiere-ending climax that is supposed to set your head spinning. (You! Won't!

Unfortunately, getting to that point involves some ridiculousness, particularly when it comes to the pursuit of villain White Vincent (Michael Nyqvist). Must law enforcement always be so foolish—and in such familiar ways?





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TODAY IN THE YEAR...

1929: The St. Valentine's Day Massacre took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

1962: First lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House.

2008: Republican campaign dropout Mitt Romney endorsed John McCain for the party's presidential nomination.

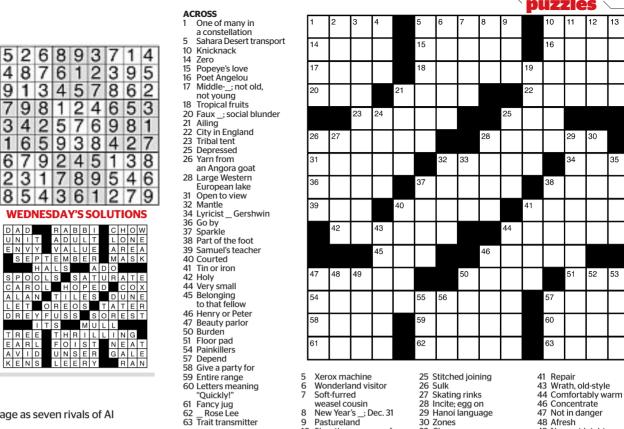
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Bringing the mystical scent of Sigur Ros into your home

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

There's regular band merch like T-shirts and bumper stickers—and then there's Sigur Ros' brilliant new concoction. The Icelandic band's website currently features the Vardeldur candle, which has "the smoky, slightly briny smell of a flotsam campfire on a distant black beach under a wan midnight sun." It can be yours for a mere \$23.50. Oh, how our hearts do sing. In case this particular brand of witchcraft does nothing for you, we thought up some other scented band candles sure to light your fire.

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Skinny Love ember

This collection of thin taper candles evokes a surprising mixture of unwashed beard and Skinnygirl margaritas. It's been a long winter.



CARLY RAE JEPSEN

Call Me Maybe candle

Obviously scented of bubblegum and desperation, this candle is meant to be lit at both the "yes" and "no" ends. Will he call you? Depends on which end burns faster.

Adorn sex smoker

Reeking of Sex Panther by Odion and pure masculine musk, Miguel's ascent to the top of the hotass male singer chart is well represented here. Take a hike, Enrique Iglesias.



Beez in her Trap

NICKI MINAL

Lightly scented of bees, honey, beez (yes, there's a difference) and bear traps, this wafting fragrance smells best if you smear the wax all over your sheets during a carnal encounter. Fortunately, it also comes out easily in the wash.



Firework firework

Stand back! Something went wrong in the testing department!





Adele and Chris Brown at the Gran It was a lovefest Adele squashed the rumor that she was yelling at Chris Brown (for not standing for Frank Ocean, who bested Brown in the contemporary urban album category) in a widely circulated photo of the front row at Sunday's Grammys. "Chris Brown and I were complimenting each

Twin power

Well, that's not as exciting.

other in that photo actually," she tweeted.

Chicago twin brothers and OB/GYN physicians Idries and Jamil Abdur-Rahman will compete on the upcoming season of "The Amazing Race," which premieres Sunday, Jamil told the Tribune's Luis Gomez he wanted the public to see African-American Muslims in a different light, "We are all much more alike than we are different," said Jamil, who, like Idries, is a Kenwood Academy alum.

THE DIGIT That's how many nominations Eric Church received Wednesday for the Academy of Country Music Awards, including nods for male vocalist, album, song and video of the year. The show airs April 7 on CBS.



"That's always the first question. Who the [bleep] you think is on it? Me, mother[bleeper]!"

–Snoop Lion, to GQ, on his response to questions about who will appear on his next album

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